

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Joseph Peter Hubert Maria MERTENS

Serial No.: 10/511,339

Examiner: A.K. Pechhold

Filed: October 15, 2004

Art Unit: 3671

For: BARRIER ELEMENT

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Final Rejection mailed February 7, 2006, for one month, so as to expire August 7, 2006.

Submitted herewith electronically, via credit card is the extension fee inclusive of the amount of \$120.00 in payment of:

- XX Extension for response filed within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(1) [\$120.00 (\$60.00, if qualified small entity)].
- Extension for response filed within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(2) [\$450.00 (\$225.00, if qualified small entity)].
- Extension for response filed within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(3). [\$1020.00 (\$510.00, if qualified small entity)].
- Extension for response filed within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(4). [\$1590.00 (\$795.00, if qualified small entity)].

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 7, 2006

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